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PATENT APPLICATION

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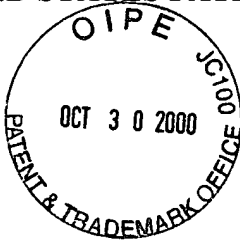
In re application of

Atsushi SAKAI, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/576,957

Filed: May 24, 2000

For: SOLID ELECTROLYTIC CAPACITOR AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME



Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Sub D1
8. (Amended) The method for producing a solid electrolytic capacitor as claimed in [any one of] claim[s] 1 or 2 [to 7], wherein a solution of a heat resistant resin or a precursor thereof is used as the masking material solution.

Sub D2
10. (Amended) The method for producing a solid electrolytic capacitor as claimed in claim 8 [or 9], wherein the masking material solution further contains silicone oil, silane coupling agent or polyimidesiloxane.

11. (Amended) The method for producing a solid electrolytic capacitor as claimed in [any one of] claim[s] 1 or 2 [to 7], wherein the metal [foil] material having valve action is a